

SENATE RESOLUTION 161

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to commend Aukosua Stokes for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Aukosua Stokes is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Raymond Finney; Aukosua's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, as a student at Strayer University, where she will graduate with her master's degree in Public Administration on June 23, 2007, Aukosua has achieved an exemplary 4.0 grade point average, while working full time as a Graduate Studies Faculty Assistant at Vanderbilt University, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Public Administration Club; and

WHEREAS, Aukosua received her bachelor's degree in Political Science from Fisk University, where she was a Ronald E. McNair Scholar, a member of the Dean's List, and a United Negro College Fund recipient; she was also a member of the Political Science Club; and

WHEREAS, she lends her time and talents to her community in numerous ways, such as serving as Educational Director of Epsilon Sigma Alpha and volunteering with Nashville Cares and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, she is also very grateful for the love and support she shares with her family: her parents, Richard and Astrid Stokes, and her sister, Aukeema Stokes, a student at Tuskegee University; and

WHEREAS, in Ms. Stokes's limited spare time, she enjoys shopping, bowling, and traveling; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Aukosua Stokes brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2007 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2007 legislative session, Aukosua has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; she was a huge asset working with Senator Finney's Page and Senator Shadow Program, exhibiting skills with constituent photography and proving to be an excellent tour guide; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stokes has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Aukosua Stokes for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Raymond Finney, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.